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Hunting and Fishing Licenses Expire! Time to Renew...

Hunters, boaters and anglers have always been at the forefront of conservation efforts in Kentucky. In fact, the proceeds from the sale of collector waterfowl stamps alone have bought hundreds of thousands of acres of wetlands in Kentucky for permanent protection and conservation! So even if you don't hunt or fish, one of the best investments you can make in conserving Kentucky's abundant wildlife resources is the purchase of hunting and/or fishing permits. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is pleased to offer its diverse services to all Kentuckians without relying on the state's general tax fund dollars.

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The Toyota HabiTrek Trail Opens

When representatives from Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, expressed interest in bringing 150 volunteers to the Salato Center on National Public Lands Day, we had no idea that we could accomplish so much in a single day. With the help of the volunteers working as smaller teams, we installed a 1-mile trail, a vernal pool, and gave the dragonfly marsh a botanical facelift! We want to thank Toyota for their generous contribution of the Living Stream permanent exhibit as well as their time and energy doing the "dirty work" of building our new trail. This new "primitive" trail has both a long and short loop and is an easy walk for most. It will be open during our normal hours of operation, but closes 1-hour before the Salato Center does, so please be sure to return on time! "Leave only footprints, take only memories."

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Homeschool Day

Kids do a great deal of classroom learning in the form of memorizing vocabulary lists and writing reports. So let's take a break and go outside where true appreciation of the environment takes place and see what we can learn on our own! These interpretive tours will be staff-led, but the learning will be student-directed with a focus on challenging elementary students to think conceptually and use their own reasoning skills. Concepts covered will include food chains, competition, habitat components, etc. Mixed age groups are okay! Please contact Marc Johnson at marca.johnson@ky.gov or 502-564-7863 to register. Times available in the morning and afternoon depending on your needs. Please dress appropriately for the weather!

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SHOP OUR SPRING SALES!



Spring Sale in the Kentucky Afield Gift Shop:
March 16 - 31

Take 15% off all merchandise except already discounted items.

Mothers Day Sale: **May 1 - 9**

Take 10% off all merchandise except already discounted items.

WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION

**(October 1 to
April 30)**

Tuesday-Friday:

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday:

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday:

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

SUMMER HOURS

**(May 1 to
September 30)**

Tuesday-Friday:

9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday:

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday:

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Center is closed
on Mondays.

**Are you
interested in
volunteer or
internship
opportunities?**

If so, we could use
you! Call (502) 564-
7863 and ask for
Mark Watkins. For
more information,
go to fw.ky.gov and
click on Salato.

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Bug Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost: Free! Limit: None. Participants: All are welcome!

Stop by the Salato Center this weekend to do a crafty insect activity or perhaps have someone take your picture with the real thing! Salato staff and volunteers will be around to answer all the questions that have been bugging you about the most abundant type of animal on Earth! And since insects are an important source of protein in the diet of many people around the world, we'll also provide you with delicious and nutritious recipes for your leftover bait! Pick up recipe cards for crickets, mealworms, grasshoppers and more!

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Basics of Beekeeping

Saturday, 2 p.m.

Cost: Free. Limit: None. Participants: All are welcome!

Did you know that honeybees pollinate most of our food crops? And like many other animals, humans have been farming bees and bee products around the world for thousands of years. Join Tom Webster, Kentucky State University extensionist and honeybee researcher for a presentation on getting started in beekeeping. This interactive presentation is designed to help you figure out if beekeeping is right for you and lead you to the more comprehensive information, training and services available through KSU extension service. Tom will use Salato's own demonstration hive and other visual aids. No live bees will be brought into the center. No registration is needed.

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"Killer" Bees

Saturday, 3 p.m.

Cost: Free. Limit: None. Participants: All are welcome!

Scientists once tried to create a honeybee better suited to the South American tropics by crossing South African bees with European honeybees. The resulting Africanized honeybee hybrids turned out to be extremely aggressive, earning them the popular name, "killer bees". In 1956, some of the bees escaped from quarantine in Brazil and have been expanding their range ever since -- even into North America! Join South African bee expert Robin Mountain for the fascinating facts about these creatures and hear his own true stories of encounters with them. No registration is needed.

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Bug Bazaar

Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.

Cost: Free. Limit: None. Participants: All are welcome!

Did you know that all bugs are insects but not all insects are bugs? While you ponder this little mystery, please mark your calendar to bring the family and friends out to the Salato Center. Members of the University of Kentucky Entomology Club will be here with an insect exhibit, and living, crawling creatures from around Kentucky and beyond! Learn why insects are so important to humans, and every kid that holds a "bug" gets a free sticker! No registration is needed.

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Archery for Beginners

Saturday, 1 – 4 p.m. Also Sunday, May 23 and Saturday, May 29, 1 – 4 p.m.

Cost: Free. Limit: None. Participants: Anyone who can hold up a bow. An adult must accompany minors.

Learning to shoot a bow is easy, so come out and try your hand at hitting one of our 3-D archery targets. We'll provide the bows, targets, and all equipment necessary to get you started. Whether you're young or just young at heart, swing by the center and give archery a try! Join us for a day of archery fun! **Registration is required.**

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Winter Tree ID

Sunday, 2 – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$3. Limit: 15. Participants: Ages 10 and up.

Get a jump on the spring season and let Native Plant Program Coordinator Mary Carol Cooper take you for a walk around the game farm! Leaves are but a single clue to a tree's identity so let her show you how to ID them using other clues like bark, twigs, leaf scars and branching patterns. Start learning now so the leaves will be added information you can use to identify trees later. You'll be surprised at how easy it can be to learn your native Kentucky trees! **Registration is required.**

**Check out our
Calendar of
Events ONLINE
at fw.ky.gov**

Just click on
"Upcoming Events"
to search for
happenings at Salato,
or across the state!
Even better, you'll
receive 10% off
the price of Salato
programs and events
when you present
your valid Kentucky
hunting or fishing
license, hunter
education "orange
card", or boater
registration!

CLASSES WITH
FEWER THAN 5
PEOPLE REGISTERED
ARE SUBJECT TO
CANCELLATION.



**Please don't
forget to save
something on
your taxes!**

In addition to buying a hunting and fishing license, you can use the voluntary write-off at the end of your tax return to help us protect and promote fish and wildlife resources throughout Kentucky. As always, we thank you for your continued support at tax time and throughout the year!

Temporary Exhibits at the Salato Center

The Lewis and Clark exhibit continues to change as they make their journey. This exhibit will end in June.

Town Branch Trail exhibit focuses on water quality and features the Town Branch of the Elkhorn Creek and a new hiking opportunity in Lexington. See this exhibit between March 22 and June 14.

Kentucky Junior Duck Stamp Display

See the 36 winning entries from the 2004 Kentucky Junior Duck Stamp Contest on display. Students in grades K to 12 are eligible to enter this program designed to teach about waterfowl conservation through the arts. "Clean water is all its quacked up to be!" is just one of the conservation messages from last year's contestants. Everyone who enters is a real winner. Not only do these young artists create beautiful pictures of waterfowl but they're also spreading the word about the importance of wetland habitat. View the artwork between May 4 and May 30.

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Basics of Fly Tying

Saturday, 1 – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$20. Limit: 8 (more if you have your own equipment!) **Participants: Anyone interested in fly tying or fly-fishing.**

Biologist Danny Watson of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has been avidly fishing the Elkhorn and Benson Creeks for many years. So plan now to join him and learn how to tie some flies he's found particularly useful on these Kentucky River tributaries. Nothing fancy here -- just flies that work! The idea is to make something that looks tasty to a fish. Once you've tied a few flies (which you get to keep), we hope you'll be hooked. **Registration is required.**

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Orienteering for Adults

Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$10. Limit: 12.

Participants: Age 18 and over.

Orienteering is an important tool for scouts, hunters, hikers and anyone interested in the outdoors. Not only is orienteering growing in popularity as a sport, but it can also be a valuable tool that prevents you from getting lost! Join hiking hobbyist, Alisa Veverka and her husband Budd, for an afternoon of finding your way around with maps and a compass. We will even set up a course afterward to let you test your new orienteering skills. Please be sure to dress for the weather! **Registration is required.**

Practice Competition for the Canon Envirothon

Tuesday, time to be announced.

Cost: Free. Limit: None.

Participants: Envirothon teams.

Envirothon teams typically consist of 5 high school students and an adult volunteer who coaches the collaborative learning and preparation of the team's members. The mission of the Canon Envirothon is to develop knowledgeable, skilled and dedicated citizens who are willing and prepared to work towards achieving and maintaining a natural balance between the quality of life and the quality of the environment. If you have an Envirothon team that is preparing for this nationwide competition or are interested in learning more about it, contact Laura Lang at (800) 858-1549 ext. 464, laura.lang@ky.gov, or visit www.envirothon.org

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Black Bears in Kentucky

Saturday, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Cost: Free. Limit: None.

Participants: All are welcome!

EKU Graduate student and black bear researcher Budd Veverka will sort the facts from the myths surrounding the "Ghost of the Forest". In addition to being on-hand to share his knowledge of black bear biology and behavior, he'll present a special short program on the status of black bears in Kentucky. Suitable for all ages! And no visit to Salato would be complete without a stroll out back to view our own resident bears. We'll see you there! No registration is needed.

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Overcoming Physical Barriers with Tim Farmer

Saturday, 11 a.m.

Cost: Free. Limit: None.

Participants: Anyone needing modified equipment.

If you're a fan of the Kentucky Afield television program on KET, you've no doubt seen host Tim Farmer accomplish some amazing tasks without the use of his right arm. What's even more amazing is that Tim enjoyed full use of his arm until an accident nearly severed it as an adult. He loved to hunt and fish before the accident and Tim credits a number of people for helping him find the modifications for his equipment that allowed him to return to the field. He now receives calls every week from people needing advice on returning to or learning about hunting and fishing so here's your chance to ask, too! Tim Farmer and representatives from the Shriners and Kosair Hospitals will be at the Salato Center to help you or someone you care about get back to independence in your pursuits in the field. No registration is needed.

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National Wildlife Week, Earth Day, and the Wild About Reading Earth Day Bookfest!

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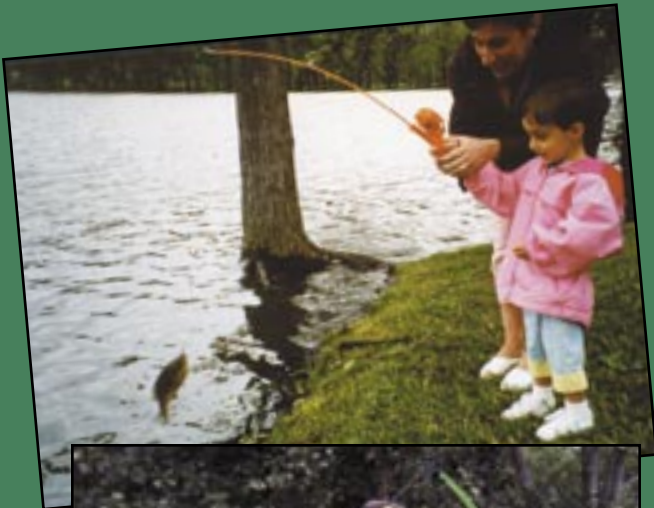
How fitting that Earth Day should fall during National Wildlife Week each year! Plan to stop by the Salato Center for one of the special Saturday activities and workshops on some very sensitive habitats of Kentucky. For educators and parents, Salato will be offering a variety of programs focusing on environmental literature in support of Governor Fletcher's "Read to Achieve" initiative. Planned activities will complement books read by special guests. Please call for more details!

**The Salato Center will be closed on
Easter Sunday, April 11.**

Spring Break: March 26 – April 2

Spring Break Destination: Salato!

You've been saying you're going to visit the Game Farm one of these days so we want to give you a bunch of reasons to make that short drive! During the week of March 26 to April 2, join our crew for a weeklong celebration for kids on Spring Break. Pack a picnic lunch (or make use of our grills) and plan to spend the day with us – For free!



Monday - Clean your room! We're closed...

Tuesday - Native American Crafts and Technologies. Try your hand at throwing a tomahawk or using an atlatl (spear thrower). Help grind corn, tan a deer hide or weave a cattail mat.



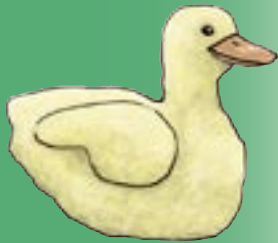
Wednesday - Fishy Fun. Stop by today (or any day) to borrow a fishing pole for use on the game farm lakes. We will provide the bait!

Thursday - Water Works Activities (Re-circulating Water table available all week)

Friday - Archery, Tomahawk & Pellet guns.



Saturday and Sunday - Learn some history and marksmanship through archery & black powder riflery.



It's Nature's Way...

As spring approaches we wish to remind you that the Salato Wildlife Education Center is an educational facility and is NOT equipped to receive, treat or house injured or orphaned animals of any kind. In fact, it's best to allow natural cycles to proceed in order to keep animal populations in balance with the resources of their environment.

Additionally, the mother is often present but hiding from a noisy, human intruder. If you are absolutely certain an animal is injured or orphaned and you must intervene, call 800-858-1549. We will try to put you in touch with a wildlife rehabilitator in your area, but remember that moving an injured animal may actually do more harm, resulting in an animal that can never return to the wild. In the case of birds of prey, it's against the law.

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Sensitive Earth Saturday

Saturday, see below for schedule

Cost: Free. Limit: None Participants: All are welcome

10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - Salato Raptors

12:00 p.m. - Wetlands and Waterfowl

2:00 p.m. - Plant a native tree seed to take home!

4:00 p.m. - Cave Critters - Vanessa Carper from Carter Caves State Park

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Salato Raptors

Saturday, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Cost: FREE! Limit: None. Participants: All ages

What do eagles, hawks, owls and falcons all have in common? All are birds of prey and they're enjoying a tremendous recovery in the United States. Eagles are nesting and successfully raising young. Peregrine falcons have fought their way back from the brink of extinction (with a little help from their friends at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources) and it's becoming quite common to see a hawk or an owl in urban and suburban neighborhoods. Come out for an even closer look! We hope to have new raptors make public debuts so don't miss it. **Registration is required.**

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Attracting Backyard Wildlife

Sunday, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10. Limit: 25. Participants: Adults

Join Mary Carol Cooper, Coordinator of the Salato Native Plant Program and learn how to create your own backyard wildlife habitat. This workshop covers the basics of garden design, the benefits of native plants and what plants are best suited to your area. Start planning ahead with a list of what will be available at our annual spring plant sale on April 24! **Registration is required.**

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Wildflower Hike

Saturday, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Cost: Free! Limit: None. Participants: All are welcome

Since you're visiting Salato for the Native Plant Sale, why not also see what your purchases look like in their natural environment? Biologist Laurie Davison will lead two hikes through the new HabiTrek Trail in search of early buds and blooms, as well as the animals that depend upon them for their food and shelter. Along the way we'll discuss such topics as habitat, water quality, karst, and the impact of exotic species upon our environment. Wear appropriate shoes and dress for the weather. No registration required.

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Orienteering for Kids

Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$10. Limit: 12. Participants: Age 10 and up. Note: Most children have not developed the spatial reasoning skills (or patience) needed to enjoy and learn from this workshop until the 4th or 5th grade. Great for scouts!

Orienteering can be a valuable tool used to prevent you from getting lost! Join Alisa in April and Allyson Barker from Raven Run Nature Sanctuary in May for an afternoon of finding your way around maps and using a compass. We will even set up a course afterward to let you test your new orienteering skills. Make sure you dress for the weather! **Registration is required.**

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International Migratory Bird Day

Saturday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: FREE! Limit: None. Stop by anytime!

Flock together at the Salato Wildlife Education Center to celebrate this "day for the birds." Migratory birds, such as hummingbirds, teal and terns, face many dangers from their travels and changes to their habitat. Learn to recognize our feathered friends who are returning to Kentucky after spending the winter down south and what you can do to help welcome them home! Congratulate the winners of the Kentucky Junior Duck Stamp Contest during the Blue Goose Awards Ceremony and meet award-winning wildlife artist Adam Grimm. We're also looking for volunteers who are willing to staff festival booths and share their interest in birds. No registration is needed.

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Spring Native Plant Sale

at the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources!

Come take advantage of our excess plant inventory!



9 AM to 4 PM

We're selling our extra native plants in order to make room for next year's planting needs.



Take time to tour the Salato gardens and exhibits to see mature native plants growing happily in their home soil.

You can also get advice on planting from the greenhouse volunteers and Salato staff.

Saturday,
April 24

Saturday May 1 is Derby Day!

Please join us in downtown Frankfort for the Governor's annual celebration of the most famous horse race in the world. The 130th running of the historic Kentucky Derby will take place on Saturday May 1st and we'll be unveiling Salato's 2004 Wildflower of the Year! Let's make a day of it in Frankfort!

9th Annual Tim Farmer Archery Classic

Saturday & Sunday

This 2-day tournament features a range with 30-targets and cash prizes for the top finishers in several classes including traditional bow, long bow, and compound bow. Shooters of all skill level are welcome to participate. People with disabilities interested in learning about archery are also encouraged to attend. Registration for the event begins 8 a.m. on Saturday May 8 in the classroom building at the Game Farm. The cost is \$12 for adults; \$10 for ages 13-18; \$8 for ages 7-12. Children under six may participate for free! Refreshments will be available for sale. This event will take place rain or shine. The Game Farm is located three miles west of Frankfort on U.S. 60. For more information, contact Keith Meador of the Frankfort Archery Club at (502) 875-7486.

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KNOW Field Day

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Limit: None.

Participants: All are welcome

The Kentucky Network of Outdoor Women (KNOW), in partnership with the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) program, would like to invite you to spend the day in the outdoors. Participants will not only get to try their hand at archery, nature photography, fishing and other outdoor-related activities, they will also meet other women who share their love of the outdoors. Lunch will be provided. For cost and other information about this event, contact Beth Minch at 502-596-5300 or visit the website at www.kyafield.com/knowinfo.htm.

MAY
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Basics of Fly Tying

Saturday, 1 – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$5. Limit: 10. Participants: Ages 10 – 16

Please join Charlie Downs of Trout Unlimited for this "First Cast" fly tying workshop especially for children. Not only will they learn the basics of fly tying but participants will also leave with the flies he or she ties and all the knowledge needed to continue practicing their new skills at home. We'll also offer a beginner fly fishing session in the afternoon so you'll be ready to hit the streams in no time! **Registration is required.**

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We welcome your out of town guests!
The Salato Center will be open on
Memorial Day, Monday, May 31.

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Basics of Fly Fishing

Saturday, 2 – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$5. Limit: 8 (more if you have your own equipment!)

Participants: Ages 5 and up.

Now that you've gotten a taste for tying flies, let's let Greg Potter from Trout Unlimited show you around with a fly fishing rod. He'll break it down into simple terms and explain the many different options for fly-fishing. Then take a short stroll down to the Game Farm Lakes and learn to do a little casting. If you have your own fly fishing rod, please bring it! If not, don't worry. Thanks to the Orvis Outdoor Store in Lexington, we'll have some loaners for you to borrow. Interested in building a fly rod of your own? Let us know! With enough interest we'll offer this as a workshop in the future. Each kit should cost about \$60 and take a day to put together. (We can practice our casting while the glue's drying!) **Registration is required.**

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Rob's Reptiles

Saturday, 2 p.m.

Cost: FREE! Limit: None.

Participants: All are welcome!

Join Salato Serpentologist Rob Anderson at the Butterfly Amphitheater (weather permitting) for a special look at some of the reptiles and amphibians he's collected. He'll introduce you to their life histories and habits, share folklore, and amaze you with fun facts, figures, and trivia. All ages will enjoy Rob's unique style and presentation. See you there! No registration is required.

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Free Fishing Weekend!

Friday & Saturday, see below for schedule.

Cost: FREE! Limit: None.

Participants: All are welcome!

Don't forget about Free Fishing Weekend June 5th and 6th, 2004! Residents and non-residents alike can fish Kentucky's public waters without a license during this weekend only. Size restrictions and creel limits still apply. The Game Farm lakes will be closed to fishing on Thursday June 3rd all day and Friday June 4th until 5:00 p.m. Only children will be allowed to fish June 4th, 5th and until 10:30 a.m. on the 6th.



Check out "All Wild about Kentucky's Environment" (AWAKE) website!

AWAKE is a new website for all Kentuckians! It is a site with many different kinds of information for all audiences: students, teachers, hunters, anglers, and all who love and want to know more about Kentucky's environment. Visit www.kentuckyawake.org to check it out!

KY Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources
#1 Game Farm Rd.
Frankfort, KY 40601



The Salato Wildlife Education Center is located on the grounds of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Game Farm in Frankfort, on US 60 2 miles west of U.S. 127.

SUPPORT THE SALATO WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER
Donate to the
KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Support the Salato Wildlife Education Center and Kentucky's wildlife resources - donate to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Your assistance will help to assure quality wildlife education statewide and at the Salato Center. We can't do it without you! The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and boater registrations, and by the generous donations of people like you!

Donations in excess of \$5, and all contributions, are deemed to have been made to a qualifying 501(c)(3) organization and are tax deductible.

Corporate donations

Major contributors may donate at the Bronze (\$10,000 to \$49,999), Silver (\$50,000 to \$99,999), or Gold (\$100,000 or more) level. For more information, contact us by calling 859-231-8780.

Thank you for supporting Kentucky youth!

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